

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

RESOLUTION DECLARING CORONAVIRUS LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

RECITALS:

- A. The President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Michigan, and the Oakland County Executive have each declared a State of Emergency, and federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations, including from the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"), have been issued in an effort to control the COVID-19 Coronavirus pandemic declared by the World Health Organization.
- B. The federal, state, and county orders, directives, guidelines, and recommendations have included the closing of business establishments, cancelling, postponing, and limiting the numbers at gatherings of people, for postponing or limiting the number of persons required to physically attend public meetings, and appropriate steps by local governments in an effort to control the spread of COVID-19.
- C. Most recently, on March 18, 2020, the Governor issued Emergency Executive Order 2020-15, temporarily authorizing remote participation in public meetings and hearings as a suspension of the rules and procedures for physical presence at meetings and hearings of public bodies under the Open Meetings Act.
- D. The Federal, State, and County Orders, Directives, Guidelines, and Recommendations have been changed or updated on a frequent basis and further changes or updates are expected.
- E. COVID-19 and possible exposure to persons with it is a clear and present danger to the health, safety and welfare of Township personnel, and persons doing business with or residing in the Township that should be avoided.
- F. Under the authority and responsibilities provided in the Charter Township Act, MCL 42.10, the Emergency Management Act, MCL 30.410, and Sections 6-007 and 6-008 of the Township's Emergency Preparedness Ordinance, the Township Supervisor has declared a local state of emergency due to the coronavirus, provided notice to the State Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police that local resources are being utilized to the fullest extent possible and that the response and recovery elements of the Township's emergency operations plan have been activated, and ordered the closure of Township buildings to the public.
- G. Under the Emergency Management Act, the Supervisor's Declaration of Emergency is limited to seven (7) days without Township Board consent.
- H. The Township Board agrees with the Supervisor's Declaration of Emergency, and in addition to the closure of Township buildings to the public, has determined that the authority under

the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 2020-15 should be exercised if possible and that additional emergency measures and actions should be taken or authorized.

IT IS THEREFORE DECLARED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan, that there is a Local State of Emergency in the Township due to the coronavirus, COVID-19 State of Emergency already declared by the President of the United States, Governor of the State of Michigan, Oakland County Executive, and Township Supervisor.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED THAT:

1. Except for legally required meetings and necessary exceptions that absolutely require physical presence and subject to restrictions approved by the Supervisor, Township owned or occupied buildings are closed to the public, with the Supervisor authorized and directed to determine and provide public notice of this closure and the manner in which the public may communicate with Township offices, which shall continue to be staffed by Township personnel in a manner and at a level determined by the Supervisor.

2. The Township Board authorizes the Township Supervisor to take appropriate measures, in his discretion, to respond to or protect Township citizens, businesses, and personnel from the declared State of Emergency by adopting and enforcing measures, including but not limited to:

- a. Taking actions necessary to comply with a Federal, State, or County Order or Directive that is binding on the Township.
- b. Limiting Township meetings and functions to those required by law.
- c. Extending deadlines for Township responses to submissions and applications for Township approvals, permits, and inspections.
- d. Temporarily releasing all non-essential Township personnel from reporting to the Township offices for work.
- e. Approve the payment of bills after additional approval of the Township Clerk or Treasurer as necessary to avoid interest, penalties, or delinquency.
- f. Authorize temporary employees or contractors, equipment rental, supply and material purchases, and necessary contracts.
- g. Canceling, postponing, or establishing emergency rules for, any public meeting of a Township Board, Commission, or Committee.

3. That for public meetings of Township Boards, Commissions, or Committees that are subject to the Open Meetings Act, that the number of persons physically attending should be documented, and limited to the extent possible and legal, in an effort to protect the health and safety of persons that do attend by the following measures:

- a. Implementation of the authority provided in the Governor's March 18, 2020, Emergency Executive Order 2020-15 to allow remote participation in public meetings and hearings.
- b. Persons that do physically attend a meeting be required to provide their name, address, and an email address or phone number for follow-up contact in the event someone at that meeting tests positive for COVID-19.

- c. Encouraging members of the public desiring to attend a meeting to refrain from doing so in- person in favor of attending remotely by viewing and participating in one of the ways provided in the Governor's Emergency Executive Order 2020-15, as approved by the Supervisor and described on the Township website and in the Notice of the meeting.
- d. Members of the public that attend a meeting in person, refrain from all physical contact with and maintain a minimum distance of six (6') feet from other persons in attendance at the meeting or in the building in which it is held.
- e. Members of the public that attend and speak at a meeting, refrain from touching the microphones, podium, and tables and from approaching the members or support staff for the Board/Commission/Committee.
- f. To provide the time for public comment as required by the Open Meetings Act at the beginning of the Agenda.
- g. Measures as necessary to complying with the maximum number of persons at a gathering as ordered, directed, or recommended by the President, CDC, Governor, or County Executive.

4. This Declaration shall remain in effect until the Governor's declared State of Emergency is terminated or the Supervisor determines that the coronavirus emergency upon which this Declaration is based no longer exists in the Township.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Waterford Board of Trustees at a regular meeting on March 23, 2020.

Charter Township of Waterford

Date

Kimberly F. Markee, Township Clerk